

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As the communication media increasingly become concentrated in the hands of a very few owners, not only are we losing a diverse source of information and entertainment, but what we are offered is becoming ever more uninformative and unentertaining--in fact, mind-numbing. As the need to compete in a market declines, so does the motive to provide worthwhile programming.